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Ref Embtel 84, FonMin raised following points with Mann July 20:

(1) Additional air route to Los Angeles: FonMin said since developing Colombian economy requires closer, more convenient means travel US west coast and since such route logical continuation present route Mexico, Colombia wants reopen negotiations. Mann replied would look into matter.

(2) US restraint levels Colombian cotton textile imports: FonMin said rigid limits US markets would discourage Colombia's new industries. Figures indicate Colombian exports US 1964 will be 15% lower than 1963 unless restraint levels raised. Mann replied since bankruptcies US textile manufacturers every year because competitive pressures, restraint level system was compromise designed avoid greater rigidity in form such as quota system. Hoped some increase in limits originally suggested by US could be arranged but observed any solution must represent compromise.

(3) Passage legislation implementing International Coffee Agreement: In reply FonMin's concern delay passage, Mann mentioned expectation Senate action soon and his belief legislation be passed.

FonMin meeting with Rusk July 21 concerned only MFM.

Memcons being pouched.

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